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Dear Doct Gray.

I have got through with my California grasses and am about to send off mine out (joke!) but here is a little tough customer which I don't make out. It grew in front of a Chinese warehouse and is undoubtedly of celestial origin. It won't tell its name to Dr. Torrey nor myself - you will probably recognize it & crow muchly. - Be as jocular as you please, only tell me its name. Also - please